

18th St Resurfacing to National Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa

Proposed recipient:

City of Keokuk, Iowa
501 Main St
Keokuk, Iowa 52632

Requested amount:

\$960,000

Explanation of request:

The City of Keokuk has the only national cemetery in the State of Iowa. Created during the Civil War, the cemetery interns the remains of Union and Confederate soldiers, as well as over 5,400 other US veterans. The main entrance to the cemetery is located at the end of 18th Street. Travelers access 18th St from US 218, the city's main thoroughfare. The surface of 18th St is in a state of disrepair and makes accessing the cemetery by vehicle unpleasant. A resurfacing of the roadway will provide a better entrance to the cemetery and increase visitation. As a result, Keokuk would see increase tourist traffic at the cemetery and local businesses providing a needed boost to the local economy.